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SUBJECT: POLYTECHNION INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED

1. CHIEF PROSECUTOR ATHENS HAS OPENED INVESTIGATION OF LAST NOVEMBER'S POLYTECHNION EVENTS. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS FOUR WITNESSES ALREADY EXAMINED. HEADLINES AND FEATURE STORIES SEPTEMBER 10 URGE CITIZENS WITH POSSIBLE EVIDENCE TO VOLUNTEER IT TO JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. ANDROUTSOPOULOS GOVERNMENT COMPLETED INITIAL OFFICIAL INQUIRY, GENERALLY REGARDED AS WHITEWASH. EXTRAORDINARY INDEPENDENT REPORT BY MILITARY POLICE FOLLOWED AND INCENSED MANY BECAUSE OF ITS DEFAMATORY CONCLUSIONS REGARDING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

3. TWO WEEKS AGO, WHEN RECRIMINATORY TEMPERATUE RUNNING HIGH IN PRESS, OFFICIAL GOG SPOKESMAN DENIED ANY INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY. BOTH JUSTICE AND POLITICS MADE FRESH INQUIRY INEVITABLE, HOWEVER. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN REAL CLARIFICATION OF BASIC QUESTIONS REGARDING NOVEMBER UPRISING--HOW MANY DIED, WHO GAVE ORDER TO DISPERSE STUDENTS FROM POLYTECHNION CAMPUS BY FORCE, WERE AGENTS PROVOCATEUR AT WORK WITHIN SCHOOL, ETC. IN RECENT WEEKS, MEDIA HAVE REDRAMATIZED POLYTECHNION EVENTS AND DESCRIBED THOSE WHO DIED AS "NATIONAL MARTYRS." IF NEW

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INQUIRY TURNS UP ADVERSE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING OFFICIAL

CONDUCT OF SOME SECURITY, POLICE AND MILITARY FIGURES, IT
COULD LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT AND EVEN CRIMINAL
CHARGES.

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